

Vision (for the world we are building):

We struggle for a world where everyone is free, and where no one is criminalized for the color of their skin, their place of birth, or their courage in fighting for safety and liberation. We believe in a world where everyone can access clean air and water, where communities and ecosystems can flourish, and where human bodies are not controlled, hurt, and killed by corporations and governments. We will build a world where life and collective joy are not sacrificed for profit.

There are a lot of different visions for how we get to this point, and no one person has all the answers! Here are some of the current conditions/practices we believe are incompatible with our vision for the future (and that we therefore aim to challenge, transform, or abolish).

- Use of borders to segregate and criminalize humans
- Techno-fascism & mass surveillance
- Militarization, war, and state violence
- Corporate destruction of ecosystems
- Mass incarceration and slavery

All of these systems are related to each other! War and climate change (both driven by corporate greed and hunger for oil) kill humans and make communities unlivable. Borders then limit the movement of displaced people, hoarding resources on one side and giving anyone on the other side a “lesser,” or “criminal” status. If people struggle to improve the conditions on their side of the line, they are often persecuted or killed, while trying to cross the line gets someone labeled an “alien.” Then, racist immigration and policing systems steal these criminalized humans away into concentration camps and private prisons, where they are forced to work as slaves and abused for private profit. Mass surveillance and AI data centers make this entire process easier for those in power, and make environmental crises and inequality much worse in the process. This is obviously a massive oversimplification, but the point is that all of these injustices strengthen each other each other in a cycle of injustice and suffering.

We aim to disrupt this cycle. Our home of Chittenden County is currently host to ICE’s national surveillance and data headquarters, as well as dozens of other government and corporate sites that form the bureaucratic backbone of the injustices we are all experiencing. Our community is currently responsible for producing the lists of people being disappeared. We will not stand idly by and allow this to continue. We call on our neighbors (both local and beyond) to join us in challenging the easy habits of compliance, violence, and fear that fester here. Together, we will build a community of loving, fierce, creative resistance- one where all of our neighbors are treated with dignity and respect, where flowers and vegetable gardens grow in the place of data and detention centers, where no human is illegal, and where everyone can breathe.

Our goals (what we hope to achieve together *during this week* as we work towards our larger vision):

- Build community
 - Strengthen a network of local, regional, and national resistance to ICE.
 - Connect with people from diverse backgrounds/ideologies through our shared love of our communities and commitment to liberation.
 - Build new relationships and skills, practice working together, and learn from each others’ experience, struggles, and wisdom.
- Show what’s possible

- Showcase some of the many ways that ordinary people can collectively challenge ICE and data centers.
- Show that ICE is not inevitable/undefeatable, that we can challenge ICE on our own timeline and terms with creative and bold action.
- Begin building the better future we envision right now, without waiting for permission.
- Shut down ICE targetting/surveillance, in order to:
 - Protect our own and others' communitites from surveillance, kidnapping, human trafficking, and death.
 - Show that ICE/data centers aren't necessary or permanent- that life goes on (and is better) when ICE activity is restricted.
 - Make ICE's continued occupancy in Chittenden County politically and economically unfeasible moving forward. Force local politicians and landlords to choose a side.

Some intermediate steps/demands:

These are (a few of the) things that people in power could do that would help get us closer to our shared vision. You might notice that they are organized by some common slogans as well as some examples of what we (the organizers of this project) mean by those slogans/see as potential steps along the way towards our vision. This list is not comprehensive, and you do not personally have to agree with all of these bullet points to be part of this struggle! We might disagree about exactly how we get there, but the point is our shared vision of the world we are building. Regardless of what current people in power do/don't do, we will keep building the world we need ourselves.

- Free Them All
 - Close concentration camps and free all current detainees
 - Amnesty for everyone imprisoned fighting ICE and fascism
- Abolish ICE
 - No more civil detention/incarceration of people who are in civil immigration proceedings
 - No more racial profiling and terrorization of immigrant communities
 - No more immigration-related traffic stops/profiling near the border
- Ni Una Mas/Not One More
 - Stop all deportations immediately
 - People separated from their communities/families through deportation should have the option to return home, and support in doing so.
- Immigrants are Welcome Here

Migration is a right for human and more-than-human beings with whom we share this world.

- Everyone currently in the so-called United States should have an option to stay and a path to obtain the documentation status that works for them. (ex. Temporary work/tourist/student status, permanent residence, citizenship, etc.)
- Stop turning away asylum seekers at the border.
- Equal treatment of everyone while they are here (regardless of immigration status- no second-class neighbors!).
- Free Palestine, Iran, Turtle Island, Tigray, Tibet, DC, Venezuela, etc.

- Stop the occupation/bombing/starvation/mass incarceration/colonization/genocide of communities in these (and other) places.
- People in these places (like all places) should have bodily autonomy, ability to connect with and tend the land, and self determination/freedom from authoritarian regimes.
- Stop using our tax dollars to hurt people in these places.
- Stop sending equipment, and weapons or technology made or housed in our communities to hurt people in these places.
- Stop sending people from our community to these places to hurt civilians and/or prop up/install authoritarian regimes.
- No Spy Centers
 - Stop using technologies like Palantir, AI, and other surveillance technology to spy on communities and individuals.
 - Stop the rapid expansion of AI data centers and their theft of jobs, electricity, and water.
 - Stop the use of Chittenden County office buildings in DHS surveillance and targetting work.
- No Human Is Illegal
 - No more criminalization based on immigration status
 - Stop local/state law enforcement collaboration with ICE
 - Stop the profiling and disproportionate police harassment of our Black and Brown, unhoused/homeless, and neurodivergent community members.
 - End structural legal violence against queer and trans people
 - Invest in community infrastructure, restorative justice, and collective care- not increased policing
 - Build strong communities that make police and prisons obsolete!
- Change Your Mind/Join Us
 - Remove your support from business as usual
 - Take courageous action to say “no, I will not perpetuate/enforce these violent systems any longer”
 - Use whatever resources and power you have access to get in the way of injustice
 - Question what you have learned from the dominant system, and be open to learning from impacted communities/traditions of resistance

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